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Mrs. Lease Talks on the Coxey Affair at Washington

TO A BIG AUDIENCE LAST NIGHT

Which Filled Representative Hall in Spite of the Rain-She Takes Clem-

The large crowd assembled in Representative hall last night came through rain and mud to hear the female Demosthenes of Kansas talk blood and thun-

der and in this they were disappointed. She was just as virile (speaking advisedly), just as metaphorical as ever, but her flame-tipped tongue laid upon the shoulders of the men the blame of the Coxey movement and she invoked the aid of the women to call the whiterobed angel of peace once more upon earth. She made a woman suffrage speech and so it may be said that Mrs.

Lease took the opportunity to open the campaign for woman suffrage.

Captain E. S. Hunter of the home guards called the meeting to order after his guards had marched in with General Artz in the van carrying a large flag. They distributed themselves about the platform. D. I. Furbeck was elected chairman and calls were made for speakers. It was a noticeable fact that not a single state officer was present and for some time no one could be found to open the meeting, but General Artz was called

upon and responded. He said: "We now send men to congress to deliver our petitions in person and they are clubbed at the capitol steps and arrested for exercising the rights of American citizens.

defy any one to point out a thing that Coxev has done to provoke arrest. Nothing will be done with Coxey. They simply want to crush out this movement of the common people, but it can't be done. While the speaker was reading the story of a ghastly murder and suicide, caused by starvation, Mrs. Lease entered the hall, and his voice was drowned in a storm of applause. He held the audience long enough to say that the time had come for the people to speak in tones of thunder, if necessary, against oppression and tyr-

The chairman introduced Mrs. Lease as "the daughter of Kansas." She showed the effect of a long siege on the platform and was paler than usual.

An Appalling Spectacle. "The year 1894," she said, "is still in its infancy, but it has already given to us the most appalling spectacle the world has ever known. We are in the midst of a revolution, peaceable as yet, but God knows how long it may remain so. This movement is world wide; everywhere there is discontent and dissatisfaction. Preparations are going on now which will change the entire map of Europe. They are preparing for the greatest war ever known, when, with new and cheap instruments of destruction, the whole country will be desolated and crowns will crumble in the dust. We hear the cry of 20,000,000 people in India, whom the baseness of England has robbed of their legitimate money—silver. The cry of distress is going up from all nations and here in this land of plenty we hear the cry of starving mothers and helpless

American was greater than a king, and now we see an American citizen compelled to take from the hand of idleness a little corn meal and a soup bone. We see a mighty army of unemployed marching to Washington to ask the people who have robbed them for 25 years for help. The Coxey movement has been compared to that of Peter the Hermit, when he led his forces to rescue the tomb of Christ from the hands of the Saracen, but this is a higher, holier movement where relief is asked for millions of starving human beings. Peter failed in his mission and the tomb is still in the hands of the enemies—the Saracens—but with this army there is no such word as

She said that the present condition of things was brought about by Republican misrule. "I do not wish to defend Grover Cleveland, however," she continued, "the great smoke extinguisher of the nineteenth century-the agent of British

The speaker then reached the subject of woman suffrage. She said: "We have never had a government of the people. We have had only a male oligarchy. You have tied woman's hands and now you have the car of progress side-tracked and are calling loudly for help, and God knows you need it. You ask what women know about the tariff? Well, they know as much about it as a good many men. They are not all like that woman who said in reply to a question—'What do I know about the tariff? Why I know all about it; haven't all my family been down with it.' That is the way it is with the American people—they are down with the tariff."

Mrs. Lease then said that there was no longer any difference between the Republican and Democratic parties, "They used to be divided on the whisky question, but they are together on that.'

She talked about the preparations for war by federal and state authority: "Why even at the good old Methodist college of Baker down here they are training soldiers and educating the boys in arms. If there is a class of people who are a living lie it is these same preachers, who are advocating militia tactics in our public schools. You are telling the people how to die, but we want you to tell us how to live, and we can die without any trouble. You are praying, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,' for 864 days and the other day you go and vote for a living hell on earth.

Not Petitions But Votes. "I would beg of you men of the industrial army, to cease petitioning and vote. We don't want any bloodshed, and the man who orders out the militia will be branded for ages to come. If you can't right the wrongs without shedding of blood for God's sake go home and mind the babies, and we women will. We believe war is unnecessary, and you need not ask us women to give up our loved ones to be food for bullets. I have passed through that once, and I had a father whose bones now lie on some Georgia slope—he died in Ander-sonville. I had two brothers, and one

FOR PEACE OR WAR? the millenium, when people shall walk in peace and happiness before the law, when want and poverty shall disappear, and when war and desolation shall be lic approval, is not what I like. Mra.

"When the war drum sounds no longer, And the battle flags are furled, In the parliament of men. The Federation of the world."

Mr. Clemens is Taken to Task. Mr. Clemens then made a long speech in which he said that the time had come Spite of the Rain—She Takes Clem-ens to Task for His Fire Breathing mitted long enough to tyranny and op-

A motion was made to adopt the resolutions and it received a prompt second. The resolutions were adopted without

After the resolutions had been adopted Mrs. Lease was again called for. She at once denounced Clemens in a manner calculated to quench the flery spirit of

that warlike gentleman.

"I don't believe in blood and thunder speeches nor do I believe in blood and thunder thunder men and I want Mr. Clemens to hear that. We once had a politician (John J. Ingalls) in Kansas who always took occasion to talk of war, but when his record was investigated it. when his record was investigated it was found that in all his war experience he only managed to court martial a chicken thief. I wonder if Mr. Clemens' record

"If Mr. Clemens would devote half the intellect and talent to supporting the true principles of the People's party that he does to mouthy vaporings on the necessity of copious bloodshed, he would accomplish much more for humanity and preserve a better reputation for sanity and decency. Oh! this espousal of a no-bie cause by men who see in it only an opportunity for notoriety and office. This movement is right, and we must not make the mistake of turning it over to traitors, cowards and renegades.'

The meeting then adjourned. G. C. Clemens was next called for and he read the following resolutions: The Resolutions.

Resolved, That the clubbing of Coxey and his associates was not for the protec-tion of the national capitol nor for the purpose of enforcing a law; it was intended as a demonstration to the proletaires of America that the plutocratic government is powerful enough and brutal enough to compel the starving people to starve and die without a vigorous protest. It was American wealth throwing down the gauge of battle to the American people. The challenge was understood and it will be answered.

Resolved, That our present arrogant masters at Washington and elsewhere would do well to remember that York-town came after Bunker Hill, and Appomatox after Harper's Ferry; and that the complete liberation of American work people may follow yet the conflict at the national capitol between the advance army of the unemployed and the star-spangled policemen, whose business it is everywhere to keep men from employing themselves. The people have been driven from their capitol, but not forever. They will return and purge the house and senate of the traitors to liberty who now masquerade as representatives of the people they club.

"For freedom's battle, once begun, Bequeathed by bleeding sire to son Tho' baffled oft, is ever won."

Resolved, That "the people" have not risen against law but against usurpation. The greatest violations of the law have been committed in the name of the law dog that he wishes to keep and at the by the governors of Utah, Iowa and Ohio same time evade the tax, the dog catcher and by the authorities of the District of is sure to find that dog, but a dog that Columbia. Railroads have for years no body wants and that every body would rightful owners. Almost every railroad | for money or for dogs. has been stolen from the people representing the industrial armies, and thieves cannot expect sympathy if the owners recover stolen property. And it is our opinion that whether railroad trains should be seized or not depends altogether on the question whether they can be retained after seizure and whether the armies have free transportation offered to them to Washington.

Resolved, That we are not willing to mock men, who, with their wives and children, are starving today, by telling them to vote next November for a congress next March, to make food possible next century. We insist that the people have a right to demand relief or abdication now. The voting can be done much better after relief shall have been ob-

Resolved, That deplorable as must always be a conflict of arms, yet as compared with the awful misery and carnage of every day life among the poor and the children of the poor in these times, the bloodiest war conceivable would be a white robed angel of peace. To talk peace is pusillanimous when every day, somewhere in this land, workingmen, aye, even workingmen, are trampled beneath the brutal troops of power; when police stations are armories and armories,

OUR GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN. Mr. Clemens Doesn't Object to a Skilful Lie, But Hates Mediocrity.

To the Editor of the State Journal. SIR:-I wish to beg that every intelligent lady or gentleman who attended the meeting at Representative hall last evening will find a copy of this morning's Capital and see how malice, aided by stupidity, builds public sentiment. The Capital's blundering, malicious report is a sample of the sort of stuff which has created the impression where I am not known that I am a wild-eyed. dangerous, blood thirsty, peripatetic arsenal; that I expectorate fire, and that to jostle me on the street might lead to a fearful explosion of the dynamite concealed in my clothes.

I find no fault with a liar, if he has skill in his art, but I dislike mediocrity in any profession, and I cannot endure stupidity. The Capital reporter ought to know that it is well known I am deaf, and that I was in blissful ignorance as to Mrs. Lease's remarks; and hence that they did not impair my health to the extent he suggests. I cannot learn from any one that Mrs. Lease said anything more than what was legitimate within the amenities of friendly and courteous debate. But, if the Capital speak true and she used me all up, why, so could a discarded street-car mule. I care nothing for that. What I wish to do now is to call attention to the style of journalism in which the Capital indulges against people who dare have honest convictions. G. C. CLEMENS.

CLEMENS AND MRS. LEASE,

He Says Mrs. Leave Is as Much an Anarchist as He Is.

fell on the slippery slope at Fredericks-burg and the other before Richmond. No sir, you need not ask us women to sanction a war, for we will not do it. I Lease. Continuing he said: "This thing cellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

have some else step in and play for public approval, is not what I like. Mra. Lease comes in and talks about peace. That is a pretty spectacle, but she is simply working for the ducats there are in it.

in it.

"I have a letter from a friend of mine in Chicago who recently had an interview with Mrs. Lease, in which she said she was just as much of an anarchist as he is. Then she told him that she did not talk quite as loud as he did for the simple reason that the people of western states were not yet ready for it. But she and I have always been the best of personal friends and it was just because Judge Doster and I were friends of hers that we refused to be drawn into her controversy with the governor.

"The report of that meeting in this morning's paper is thickheaded, it doesn't tell what she said at all, but she has more reason to kick than any one else. Any person with any knowledge of Kansas affairs knows that what she said about courtmartialing a thief referred to Ingalls and what she said about me was perfect-

ly fair in a give and take debate."

Mr. Clemens explained to the reporter that he was just 12 years old when the war broke out and that he tried to run off with 110th Ohio volunteers but was ignominiously corralled and sent back

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

D. T. Haines of Muncie, Ind., is visit-ing his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Angle. Mrs. Otto Kuehne is recovering from a severe illness of two weeks duration.

W. H. Wood has arranged to give a series of free Saturday night concerts beginning tonight.

Robert Norris, who has been an invalid for a long time, has been much worse the past few days. J. W. Catron has moved here with his

family from Perry, Okl., and is located at 1126 Van Buren street. W. S. Kale of Green & Kale has exchanged his residence on this side for property on the south side.

Miss Ellen Little and Miss Lida Cut-birth have gone to Horton to make a visit of two weeks' duration. Leave your order for a nice juicy roast for your Sunday dinner.

GOODMAN BROS. Ed. Arnold, Ed. Kennedy and Orris McNary returned last night from a two days fishing expedition, bringing about fifty pounds of fish.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones of Leavenworth county are in the city doing some shopping. Owing to the absence of trains on the Southwestern, they were compelled to drive up.

The time for keeping the post office open on Sundays will be shortened 30 minutes beginning tomorrow. The office will open at 10:30 and close at 11:30. People who wish to attend church will observe that the margin of time is narrowed on the wrong side for them as the previous hour for opening was 10 o'clock.

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